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(NEA)

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1. US DECISION TO ACCEDE TO FULL MEMBERSHIP IN NEA CONVEYED TO SECGEN VIA LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 15 SIGNED BY AMB. TURNER.

2. SECRETARIAT INDICATED THAT COUNCIL DECISION ON THIS MATTER IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR OCTOBER 12. NO PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED. WILLIAMS INDICATED THAT HE HAD LEFT THREE DOCUMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS DURING HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT:

A. DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION, NOTING US ACCESSION AND AMENDING LIST OF MEMBERS AND SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

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B. DRAFT NEA STEERING COMMITTEE DECISION AMENDING

NEA STATUTE AND CALLING FOR REVISIONS IN CY 76
NEA BUDGET AS CONSEQUENCE OF US ASSESSION
(BUDGETARY CHANGES WILL BE SUBJECT SUBSEQUENT
COUNCIL APPROVAL).

- C. PROPOSED TEXT FOR PRESS RELEASE, WHICH SECRETARIAT WOULD LIKE TO SEE ISSUED JOINTLY BY OECD AND USG ON DAY OF COUNCIL DECISION.
- 3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DAVID SWARTZ (EUR/RPE) HAS COPIES OF ALL THE DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE. BASED ON WILLIAMS' CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON, SECRETARIAT ASSUMES WASHINGTON HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH COUNCIL AND NEA STEERING GROUP DOCUMENTS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION IN TIME TO ISSUE THEM FORMALLY BY END OF THIS WEEK. WILLIAMS INDICATED HE WAS TOLD THAT WASHINGTON WOULD WISH TO SUGGEST REVISIONS TO PROPOSED JOINT PRESS RELEASE.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: A) CONFIRMATION BY C.O.B. SEPTEMBER 23 THAT COUNCIL AND NEA STEERING COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE. B) DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND REVISIONS TO TEXT OF JOINT PRESS RELEASE PROPOSED BY WILLIAMS.

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